

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2590

Introduced by Assembly Member Campbell

February 25, 2000

An act to add Sections 44225.8 and 45023.5 to the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2590, as introduced, Campbell. Education: United States armed forces or enlisted personnel: bonus.

Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to establish standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Under existing law, the commission is prohibited from issuing any credential, permit, certificate, or renewal of an emergency credential to any person to serve in the public schools unless the person has demonstrated proficiency in basic skills in certain areas as demonstrated by a passing score on the state basic skills proficiency test.

This bill would, notwithstanding those provisions, authorize the commission to approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to specified provisions if that individual is an honorably discharged officer of the United States armed forces or is an enlisted person who retired with a rank of E-6 or higher, who agrees to teach for 4 years in a school district, and commits to taking 8 classes towards obtaining a teaching credential within 3 years of commencing teaching. The bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, provide that an individual approved for

a teaching assignment pursuant to those provisions may have until 18 months from the date of commencing the teaching assignment to obtain a passing score on the state basic skills competency test.

The bill would, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, require that an individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in accordance with those provisions be eligible for a one-time bonus payment of \$5,000, and the school to which the individual is assigned be eligible for a one-time bonus payment of \$5,000.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44225.8 is added to the
2 Education Code, to read:

3 44225.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, the commission may approve a school district
5 request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to
6 subdivision (m) of Section 44225 or Section 44300 for
7 individuals who meet all of the following criteria:

8 (1) The individual is an honorably discharged officer
9 of the United States armed forces, or is an enlisted person
10 who retired with a rank of E-6 or higher.

11 (2) The individual agrees to teach for four years in a
12 school district, and commits to taking eight classes
13 towards obtaining a teaching credential within three
14 years of commencing teaching.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
16 individual approved for a teaching assignment pursuant
17 to this section may have until 18 months from the date of
18 commencing the teaching assignment to obtain a passing
19 score on the state basic skills competency test as required
20 by Section 44252.

21 SEC. 2. Section 45023.5 is added to the Education
22 Code, to read:

23 45023.5. (a) An individual who is approved for a
24 teaching assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8
25 shall be eligible for a one-time bonus payment of five

1 thousand dollars (\$5,000), and the school to which the
2 individual is assigned shall be eligible for a one-time
3 bonus payment of five thousand (\$5,000).

4 (b) This section shall be implemented to the extent
5 that funds are appropriated for this purpose.

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